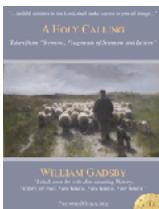


# SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

**November 5th, 2017**

“The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous.”

(PSALM 146:8)



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## ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY HE SAVED US

“NOT BY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH WE HAVE DONE...” (TITUS 3:5)

It is the believer's blessedness that each glorious Person in the Godhead has a glorious hand in His salvation. God the Father saved, chose, sanctified, or set him apart, in Christ, before the world was; God the Son took humanity into union to his personal Godhead, and thus became incarnate, lived a holy life, suffered, bled, died a solemn death, rose again from the dead, ascended upon high, having led captivity captive, and is now exalted at the right hand of the Father, ever living to make intercession for him. Thus Christ has meritoriously saved the elect by his life, obedience, death, resurrection, exaltation, and intercession. As it is written: “*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?*” God? No. “*It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?*” Christ? No. “*It is Christ that died; yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us*” (ROMANS 8:32-34). Thus the blessed Redeemer “*was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification*” (ROMANS 4:25) and, bless his precious name, he has been the destruction of death, hell, and sin. The gloriously-blessed God-man Mediator “*gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works*” (TITUS 2:14). So that, before the world was, the church was saved purposefully by God the Father; in time, meritoriously by the God-man Mediator, who now lives above to make intercession for them; and, in the

day of God's power, they are saved manifestively and vitally, by the "washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost."

Now, not a particle of this is either for, or according to, our works; for it is "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us" (TITUS 3:5) or, as our text has it, "Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works" (2 TIM. 1:9).

What an indescribable mercy it is, that salvation is of the Lord; yea, that God himself, as the God of Zion, is our salvation. Blessed, triumphant faith, under the sweet power and unction of God the Holy Ghost, can, at times, sweetly sing, "*Behold, God is my salvation! I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation*" (ISAIAH 12:2). This salvation contains a complete deliverance from every foe and soul-damning danger, and it is a complete salvation to every real good. We have all spiritual blessings in Christ, all bliss and blessedness secured in him; for it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell. He is full of grace and truth; and of his fulness we receive, and grace for grace. All things are the real believer's; for he is Christ's, and Christ is God's; and, as I said before, this glorious salvation is all of grace, not of works, lest any man should boast.

PASTOR WILLIAM GADSBY

## GLORY IN THE LORD

"...HE THAT GLORIETH, LET HIM GLORY IN THE LORD." (1 COR. 1:31)

"*He that glorierh*" - yes, we may glory; we may have a song of triumph; if the Lord do but tune our hearts to sweet melody, we may speak in accents of glory and thanksgiving— "*he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.*" Look at the words: "*Glory in the Lord.*" Not glory in himself, whatever he be, however deep his experience, however great his abilities, however consistent his conduct. No creature shall ever, in the sight of God, glory in itself; but we may glory in the Lord as of God made unto us all that he has determined he shall be. O what a sweet losing of one's self there is in Christ! See how he has raised up Adam's fallen progeny [race]! See how he has given the elect a standing in Christ which they never had in their fallen progenitor! Adam could glory. Adam had natural wisdom, creature righteousness, native strength, and created innocency. He might glory in these. Just as a horse can, without sin or shame, curve his proud neck, and glory in his strength when he paweth in the valley, as Job speaks: so Adam, in his native innocency, could glory in what God had made him. But when Adam fell to the very depths of creature depravity, all his glory was for ever lost; the pride of the creature was for ever stained.

But God has determined that men may glory still; only he has changed the object of that glory, and put that glory upon, and centered that glory in his only-begotten Son. He turns the eyes of his poor needy family to look to him for salvation, and to glory in him; for "*in him shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.*"

PASTOR J.C. PHILPOT

## HUSBANDS AND WIVES

“...CHRIST ALSO LOVED THE CHURCH, AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT” (EPH. 5:25)

It is not difficult to understand why natural men and women come to dislike one another, why their so-called love turns to hate, and why couples divorce one another and subject their children to so much turmoil and trial.

These people do not know God and do not have the love of God for others in their hearts.

This, however, is not the way of Christ. It is a denial of the Gospel and a contradiction of the teaching of Scripture.

When a married couple who profess to be true believers cannot live together in love and peace, cannot fulfill the vows they made to one another before God, cannot sacrifice pride and self for the good of their children and the testimony of the Gospel, they are telling the world that God's grace is not sufficient, that the blood of Christ cannot overcome the world and the flesh, that He that is in us is not greater than he who is in the world and that the claim of Scripture to make us “*new creatures*” in Christ is not true (2 CORINTHIANS 5:17).

Husbands, remember the Scriptural injunction to “*love your wives*” and your children (EPHESIANS 5:25). Do not provoke them or treat them selfishly. Give yourselves and your family in the love of God, no matter how difficult the way may become. What is required of husbands (and what truly believing husbands will want to do) is to love their wives “*even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it*” (EPHESIANS 5:25). This is going a long way, right to the end, and with no giving up!

Wives, love, respect, and obey your husbands. This is the clear teaching of Scripture (Ephesians 5:22). Make a clean, pleasant home for him, your children, and your guests. Be a homemaker, a companion, and a helpmate.

Paul said, “*Teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed*” (TITUS 2:4-5).

The marriage road may not always be smooth. The images conjured up in the youthful mind of marriage ‘bliss for ever and ever’ may soon fade. Those who have been on the road for a long time know that marriage is a reflection (however faint) of the relationship between Christ and His church. He gave His life for her. They will work on it and seek to glorify God in their relationship.